

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Imaizumi et al.

Application No.: 10/023,711

Filing Date: December 21, 2001

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING TARGET
SUBSTANCE BY FERMENTATION

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Fronda

Attorney Ref. No.: US-01460

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**Mail Stop Non-fee Amendment**
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2003, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, three month(s) to December 30, 2003.

☐ The period for response has previously been extended to

Attached please find a Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) authorizing payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) of \$950.00 for this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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